

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA**

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PUBLIC TOILETS FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct public toilets for women; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a)&(b): Under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) , There is provision of construction of Community Sanitary Complex (public toilets) , common for both men and women These Complexes, comprising an appropriate number of toilet seats, bathing cubicles, washing platforms, Wash basins etc, can be set up in a place in the village acceptable and accessible to all. Ordinarily such complexes are constructed only when there is lack of space in the village for construction of household toilets and the community owns up the responsibility of their operation and maintenance. The ultimate aim is to ensure construction of maximum Individual household latrines(IHHLs) and construction of community complexes will be restricted to only when IHHLs cannot be constructed, for whatever reason. The maintenance of such complexes is very essential for which Gram Panchayat should own the ultimate responsibility. User families may be asked to contribute a reasonable monthly user charge for cleaning & maintenance. Such complexes be made at public places, markets, etc. where large scale congregation of people takes place. Suitable maintenance guidelines may be adopted by the community to ensure proper maintenance of the complex.

Maximum unit cost prescribed for a community sanitary complex is up to Rs.2 lakh. Sharing pattern amongst Central Government, State Government and the community is in the ratio of 60:30:10. The community contribution, however, can be made by the Panchayat out of its own resources, from grants of the Thirteenth Finance Commission or from any other fund of the State duly permitted by it. Till date 25171 Community Sanitary Complexes have been constructed against objective of 33684.